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## Final Comment

**In terms of Section 38(4), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)**

Attention: Veld PV North (Pty) Ltd

**A Part 2 amendment required due to: After construction of the Veld PV North Solar Facility, the grid infrastructure relating to Eskom will be handed over to Eskom. This includes the Eskom side of the onsite substation, powerline (or LILO), and upgrades at the Aggeneis MTS substation. With this physical grid infrastructure handover, all permits relating to this grid infrastructure must also be provided to Eskom. Thus, the current grid infrastructure approved under the existing Environmental Authorisation must be split into the IPP portion and the Eskom portion. The approved site layout has also been updated based on the latest optimised technological solution for the facility.**

Zutari (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Veld PV North (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Amendment Application for the authorised Veld PV North Solar Energy Facility near Aggeneys, Northern Cape Province (Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2102).

A draft Amendment Assessment Report has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2017 NEMA EIA Regulations. The proposed amendments includes administrative amendments and an updated site layout with associated updated Environmental Management Programme (EMPr).

SAHRIS Case ID 15049 has reference to this case

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<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/proposed-veld-pv-north-solar-energy-facility-and-associated-infrastructure-near-aggeneys>). In a Final Comment issued on the 09/04/2020, SAHRA noted no objections to the proposed development and provided conditions (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/536257>).

ASHA Consulting has been appointed to provide heritage specialist input as part of the EA Amendment process as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA, and in terms of section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) as required by section 38(8) of the NHRA.

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The specialist has confirmed that the proposed amendments will not physically affect any heritage resources. A Chance Finds Procedure is recommended to be followed.

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The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 3(4) of the NEMA Regulations and section 38(8) of the NHRA in the format provided in section 38(4) of the NHRA and must be included in the Final Amendment Report and EMPr:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) has no objections to the proposed development;
- 38(4)b – The recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. Further additional specific conditions are provided for the development as follows:
- The Final Comment issued on the 09/04/2020 on SAHRIS Case ID 15049 (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/536257>) is still valid and must be adhered to;
- 38(4)c(i) – If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)d – See section 51(1) of the NHRA;
- 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:
  - i) If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA;
- The Final Amendment Report and EMPr must be submitted to SAHRA for record purposes;
- The decision regarding the EA Amendment Application must be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application.

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Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/577530>

**Terms & Conditions:**

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.